

# What's New in the MPDC

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## MPDC PREPARES FOR WEEKEND OF PROTESTS

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On the weekend of September 28-29, the International Monetary Fund and World Bank Group will hold their annual meetings in downtown DC. A large, but undetermined number of protestors opposed to the policies of the two organizations is also expected over the weekend and during the days leading up to the meetings. For example, one protest group, the Anti-Capitalist Convergence, has called for a "Day of Non-Compliance and Resistance" on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, with the stated goal of shutting down DC. The MPDC, with the support of other law enforcement agencies, is working hard to plan for and respond quickly to any incidents that may occur during the IMF/World Bank meetings and related protests. All sworn MPDC officers and essential civilian employees are working extended, 12-hour shifts beginning September 26, and members' days off have been adjusted and leave has been restricted to ensure a strong police presence at the IMF/World Bank events and in DC neighborhoods. Staffing of neighborhood PSAs will actually be increased, not reduced, during that weekend. This is made possible by the support the MPDC is receiving not only from other law enforcement agencies in District and region, but also from cities as far away as Chicago, Charlotte-Mecklenburg (NC), Dayton (OH), Macon (GA) and the New Jersey State Police. The MPDC's Joint Operations Command Center (JOCC) will be activated, including the Closed Circuit Television Network that will monitor public spaces around many of the event sites. For more information about the meetings, expected protests and police preparations, visit:

*Street closures and parking restrictions around the IMF and World Bank buildings are still being finalized. This information will be disseminated through the news media and updated regularly at:*

***[http://mpdc.dc.gov/info/IMF/imf\\_fall02\\_street.shtm](http://mpdc.dc.gov/info/IMF/imf_fall02_street.shtm)***

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## TWO MPDC DETECTIVES HONORED AS "TOP COPS"

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Two MPDC detectives - Konstantinos Giannakoulis and Thomas R. Webb - and two special agents from the FBI's Washington Field Office - Daniel C. Sparks and Kyle Fulmer - are among 19 winners of the 2002 "TOP COPS" award, presented earlier this month by the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO). As members of DC's Safe Streets Task Force between 1998 and 2002, the four are credited with bringing down the One-Five Mob, one of the most violent street gangs in city history. Their efforts resulted in the execution of 212 search warrants, 160 arrests, the seizure of 118 weapons and 23 vehicles, the recovery of more than half a million dollars in assets, and the closure of more than 75 homicide cases, according to the TOP COPS awards committee. Both 12-year veterans of the MPDC, Giannakoulis and Webb have received numerous other awards for their work on the Safe Streets Task Force, a multi-agency collaborative that targets the most active street gangs and the most violent criminals in the DC area. Read more about the TOP COPS awards at:

**<http://mpdc.dc.gov> (Click on News Room)**

## IMF/WORLD BANK SAFETY TIPS FOR RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, COMMUTERS AND VISITORS

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The MPDC is once again asking for the community's help during the upcoming IMF/World Bank events. One important way in which the public can help is by staying informed. The MPDC is working closely with local and national news media to ensure that accurate information is disseminated on a timely basis. The MPDC Website will also be updated continuously. Other recommendations: 1) Use public transportation if traveling in DC, especially on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>; some protestors have vowed to snarl traffic and cause other disruptions throughout the city on that date. 2) Remain vigilant and report any unusual or suspicious activities to the police, either through 9-1-1 (for public safety emergencies) or 3-1-1 (for police non-emergencies). 3) If you work near the IMF/World Bank buildings, carry business-issued identification cards to facilitate access into their buildings. 4) Businesses in the immediate area should reschedule deliveries expected for September 27-29, make alternative arrangements for garbage pick-up, and remove any large dumpsters from the area. 5) Businesses and property managers should also secure, or take indoors, loose articles such as flowerpots, tables, chairs, umbrellas, ashtrays and garbage cans. For more safety tips and precautions, go to:

*In support of the MPDC's call to use public transportation on September 27<sup>th</sup>, Metro will have extra capacity to accommodate increased passenger load on that date. For Metro information, call (202) 637-7000 or visit:*

***<http://www.wmata.com>***

**[http://mpdc.dc.gov/info/IMF/imf\\_fall02\\_safetytips.shtm](http://mpdc.dc.gov/info/IMF/imf_fall02_safetytips.shtm)**

## CIVILIAN POSITIONS IN THE MPDC

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The MPDC is currently recruiting for several civilian positions within the agency. Four of the positions – ranging from a vehicle registration clerk to a quality assurance specialist - are within the Fleet Management Division. Other positions are for a facilities management analyst and several communications operators. For information on all current civilian vacancies, including details on how to apply, click on:

**<http://mpdc.dc.gov/about/employ/civilian.shtm>**

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